

**ABSTRACT**

An egg counter for counting eggs which are conveyed on an egg collection conveyor according to the present invention comprises a first light emitting element array, a second light emitting element array, a light receiving element array that is provided between said first and second light emitting element arrays, and a control means for processing the light reflected on the respective eggs and received by the light receiving element array, said first and second light emitting element arrays and said light receiving element array being arranged such that the light emitted from the each of the light emitting elements in the arrays is reflected on the surface of the egg that is passing just under the light receiving element array, and then the reflected light is received by the light receiving element array, said the control means being intended to measure the light intensity of the reflected infrared light, detect the peak value of the light intensity, and count the egg on the basis of the two peak values of the light intensities with respect to first and second infrared light emitting element arrays (FIG. 4).

	1	cage unit
	2	cage chamber array
	3	cage chamber
	4	first egg collection conveyer
5	5	egg handing over means
	6	egg elevating means
	7	second egg collection conveyer
	8	third egg collection conveyer
	10	egg counter
10	11	infrared light receiving array
	12	first infrared light emitting array
	13	second infrared light emitting array
	14	data cable
	15	control means
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	20	nest system
	21	nest
	22	egg collection conveyer
	23	egg counter
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	E	egg
	R	infrared light
	30	conventional egg counter
25	31	infrared light emitting element array
	32	infrared light receiving element array
	33	egg collection conveyer